Old Blue Brick,
Vicinity of Donelson, Tenn.

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South side Stewart's Ferry Pike, 1 mile S. E. of Donelson, Tennessee.

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Physical Data

Present owner: R. D. Stanford.
Present occupant and use: Colored tenants.

Description (present condition)

Wall construction: Brick, 2 adjoining sides Flemish, rest common.

Size & form: 2-story rectangular, gable roof.

Number stories: 2, attic with small end windows.

Exterior openings, windows: Window heads modified in south front, jack arches behind. Exterior openings, doors: Not original.

Cornice: Wood with plain modillions.

Roofing: Wood shingles.   Chimneys: End, brick.

Interior

Floors: Wood. Doors: At least one original.   Trim: Chair rail.

Mantels: 1 panelled room end, 1st floor, should be measured. 1 small mantel, should be measured.

Stairways: Original, interesting, should be measured.

Plasterwork: None of interest.

Additions and alterations: In bad condition, some substitutions for original parts.

Outbuildings: None old.

Historical Data

Notable events and occupants: "It is difficult to gather any authentic, accurate information regarding this interesting old house with its still solid walls and its dentilwork cornice; but it is known to be one of the oldest brick houses in Middle Tennessee, and it is said that it was the mustering point for General Jackson's Tennessee militia before the battle of New Orleans."*

*Reference: History of Homes and Gardens of Tennessee, compiled by The Garden Study Club of Nashville, Mrs. John Trotwood Moore collaborating. Ed. by Roberta Seawell Brandau. (The Parthenon Press, Nashville, 1936.) p. 197.

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